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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF, CONTACT DIVISION, OO Subject: Interrogation of Nikolaus POPPE

It is requested that Mr. POPPE be questioned along the lines of the attached brief.

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Brief for Nikolaus POPPE

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(Reference:

00-B-5478-49 00-B-4979-49 00-B-5957-49 July 3 1949)

- 1. Source states that most Central Asian troops under German command were headed by Kiyum Khan of the Committee of Free Turkestan who is now supposedly living in Germany. Does source have any knowledge of the current activities of Kiyum Khan, his associates, or the Committee of Free Turkestan? Has Kiyum Khan maintained contact with groups or individuals in Soviet Central Asian Republics? Is the Committee of Free Turkestan related to the Turkestan National Union?
- 2. Are Moslem Kurdish tribes along the Turkmen-Iranian border particularly hostile to Christians? What is their attitude towards strangers?
- 3. What population groups living close to the border of the U.S.S.R. have relatives across the border? Which of these groups maintain contact across the border?
- 4. Where and in what numbers are the following groups found in the U.S.S.R.?

Turkomen: Yamut, Goklan, Tekke, Sarugh

Taimuri Berberi Baluchi

Qarai

Kurds : Zafaranlu, Shadlu, Kaiwanlu, Amarlu

